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PRODUCTION COST OF AGRICULTURE
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to reduce the production cost of agricultural produce by expanding the area of irrigation land and increasing the rate of production; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA)

(a) & (b): The cost of production of agricultural produce is determined both by the yield and cost of cultivation. Since irrigation has considerable potential for enhancing the yield by facilitating the use of yield raising inputs, Government has identified irrigation as a thrust area for priority attention. Further, in order to enable farmers to go in for yield raising inputs, Government has also identified rural credit and rural infrastructure as thrust areas. The Union Budget for 2004-05 has identified the following items under thrust areas:

(i) doubling agricultural credit in three years;

(ii) accelerating completion of irrigation projects; and

(iii) investing in rural infrastructure.